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1. The STRELNA is a freighter of 1,945 GRT and was built in 1923. No gun positions were observed on board the ship. 25X1
2. up to the summer of 1953 branch offices of the Directorate for Shipping (sic) had been established in many Soviet ports where Soviet vessels were registered. It was reported that Loginov (fnu) was the head of the branch office in Riga.<sup>1</sup>
3. Approximately 15 or 20 Soviet vessels were registered with the branch office in Riga. The staff of the Riga office, which consisted of approximately 200 men, were accommodated in a five-story building in that city.
4. However, since September 1953 all the branch offices were closed down and the managements were transferred to the Directorate in Leningrad, which resulted in a considerable saving in labor and personnel.
5. The heads of the former branch offices were appointed as chiefs of departments in the Directorate for Shipping in Leningrad. The chiefs remained in control of those vessels in whose home ports the relative branch offices had been established; for example, Loginov remained in charge of the vessels registered at the Riga office.
6. Leningrad has not been designated as the home port for all Soviet vessels, but the present situation would continue at least as long as the present chiefs are retained. 25X1
1. Comment: Loginov (fnu) has been reported as the head of the Baltic State Steamship Company with the title of Director General of the Merchant Fleet, Third Class. 25X1

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